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	Examiner GIOVANNA COLAN	Art Unit 2162

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1. This communication is responsive to 03/08/2010.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 30-67.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 03/08/2010, 05/01/2006.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael T. Abramson on March 11, 2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

32. An apparatus to establish identity in a file system, comprising:
 - a proxy configured to receive a first Network File System (NFS) operation concerning an indicated file sent by a client to the file system, the proxy further configured to forward the first NFS operation to be received by a file server; the file server configured to return a NFS file handle associated with the first NFS operation to the proxy in response to the file server receiving the first NFS operation from the proxy;
 - the proxy further configured to insert metadata into the NFS file handle in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, wherein the metadata is an encryption key; and
 - the proxy further configured to send the NFS file handle with the metadata inserted in the NFS file handle to the client as a reply to the first NFS operation, the

metadata and the NFS file handle to be used in a second NFS operation to identify the client and the indicated file;

the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second NFS operation,
the second NFS operation comprising the metadata in the second NFS file handle sent
with the second NFS operation;

the proxy to identify, in response to the metadata, the client as having a
permission to submit the second NFS operation;

the proxy to send the second NFS operation to the file server and not to send the
metadata with the second NFS file handle to the file server; and

the proxy to receive a second NFS reply from the file server, and the proxy to
send the second NFS reply to the client.

33. The apparatus of Claim 32, whereby using the metadata in the NFS file handle eliminated the need for the proxy to generate additional requests to the file server to complete client requests apparatus as in claim 32, further comprising:

the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second NFS operation,
the second NFS operation comprising the metadata in the second NFS file handle sent
with the second NFS operation;

the proxy to identify, in response to the metadata, the client as having a
permission to submit the second NFS operation;

the proxy to send the second NFS operation to the file server and not to send the
metadata with the second NFS file handle to the file server; and

~~the proxy to receive a second NFS reply from the file server, and the proxy to send the second NFS reply to the client.~~

38. A non-volatile memory executed on a computer, comprising:

the non-volatile memory containing procedures for execution on the computer for a method of establishing identity in a file system, the method having the steps of receiving, from a client, a ~~first Network File System (NFS)~~ operation concerning an indicated file, the first ~~NFS~~ operation received by a proxy;

forwarding the first ~~NFS~~ operation from the proxy to be received by a file server;

returning a ~~NFS~~ file handle associated with the first ~~NFS~~ operation from the file server to the proxy in response to the file server receiving the first ~~NFS~~ operation from the proxy;

inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the ~~NFS~~ file handle in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, wherein the metadata is an encryption key; and

sending, by the proxy in response to receiving the ~~NFS~~ file handle from the file server, the ~~NFS~~ file handle with the metadata inserted in the ~~NFS~~ file handle to the client as a reply to the first ~~NFS~~ operation; and

~~using, by the client, the metadata and the NFS file handle in a second NFS operation to identify the client and the indicated file;~~

receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request;

identifying, in response to the metadata, that the client has permission to submit the second file request;

sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the metadata with the second file handle to the file server; and

receiving, by the proxy, a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.

39. (Previously Presented) A method for establishing identity in a file system, comprising:

receiving a first file request concerning an indicated file from a client, the first file request received by a proxy;

forwarding the first file request from the proxy to a file server;

granting a permission for the request to be acted upon by the file system in response to a predetermined protocol;

returning a reply associated with the first file request from the file server to the proxy, wherein the reply includes a file handle associated with the indicated file;

inserting, by the proxy, a session key into the file handle; and

sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the session key inserted in the file handle to the client, the session key to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file

receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising information from the session key in a second file handle sent with the second file request;

identifying, in response to the session key, that the client has permission to submit the second file request;

sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the session key with the second file handle to the file server; and

receiving, by the proxy, a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.

40. The non-volatile memory of Claim 38, whereby using the metadata in the file handle eliminates a need for the proxy to generate additional requests to the file server to establish file identity ~~further comprising:~~

receiving, from the client, a second NFS operation by the proxy, the second NFS operation comprising a session key in a second NFS file handle sent with the second NFS operation;

identifying, in response to the session key, that the client has the permission to submit the second NFS operation;

~~sending the second NFS operation to the file server and not sending the session key with the second NFS file handle to the file server; and~~
~~receiving by the proxy a second NFS reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second NFS reply to the client.~~

45. An apparatus to establish identity in a file system, comprising:
 - a proxy to receive a file request sent by a client to the file system, the proxy to forward the request to a file server;
 - the file server to return a reply associated with the file request to the proxy, wherein the reply includes a file handle;
 - the proxy to insert a session key into the file handle; ~~and~~
 - the proxy to send the file handle with the session key inserted in the file handle to the client, the session key to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file;

the proxy to receive, by the client, a second file request, the second file request to include the session key in a further file handle sent with the second request;

the proxy to identify, in response to the session key, the client as having a permission to submit the another file request;

the proxy to send the second request to the file server and not to send the session key with the second file handle to the file server; and

the proxy to receive a further reply from the file server, and the proxy to send the further reply to the client.

46. The apparatus as in claim 45, whereby using the session key in the file handle eliminates a need for the proxy to generate additional requests to the file server to establish file identity further comprising:

~~the proxy to receive, by the client, a second file request, the second file request to include the session key in a further file handle sent with the second request;~~

~~the proxy to identify, in response to the session key, the client as having a permission to submit the another file request;~~

~~the proxy to send the second request to the file server and not to send the session key with the second file handle to the file server; and~~

~~the proxy to receive a further reply from the file server, and the proxy to send the further reply to the client.~~

47. The apparatus of Claim 45, further comprising: wherein
the proxy to use the metadata in the file handle ~~is a Network File System (NFS)~~
file handle received from the client to eliminate a need for additional communication with
the file server to establish file identity.

52. A method for establishing identity in a file system, comprising:
receiving a first file request concerning an indicated file from a client, the first file request received by a proxy;
forwarding the first file request from the proxy to a file server;

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determining that the client has a permission to have the request acted upon by the file system in response to a predetermined protocol;

returning a reply associated with the first file request from the file server to the proxy, wherein the reply includes a file handle associated with the indicated file;

inserting, by the proxy, a cryptographic information into the file handle sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the cryptographic information inserted in the file handle to the client, the cryptographic information to be used in one or more requests to identify the client and the indicated file;

receiving, by the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request including the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second file request;

identifying, in response to the cryptographic information, that the client has the permission to submit the second file request;

sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the cryptographic information with the second file handle to the file server; and

receiving by the proxy a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.

53. The method according to claim 52, whereby using the cryptographic information in the file handle eliminates a need for the proxy to generate additional requests to the file server to establish file identity further comprising:

~~receiving, by the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request including the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second file request;~~

~~identifying, in response to the cryptographic information, that the client has the permission to submit the second file request;~~

~~sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the cryptographic information with the second file handle to the file server; and~~

~~receiving by the proxy a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.~~

58. An apparatus to establish identity in a file system, comprising:

a proxy configured to receive a file request for an indicated file sent by a client to the file system, the proxy further configured to forward the request to a file server;

the file server configured to return a reply associated with the file request to the proxy, wherein the reply is configured to include a file handle;

the proxy further configured to insert a cryptographic information into the file handle; and

the proxy further configured to send the file handle with the cryptographic information inserted in the file handle to the client, the cryptographic information configured to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file;

the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second request, the second file request to include the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second request;

the proxy further configured to identify, in response to the cryptographic information, the client as having a permission to submit the second file request;

the proxy further configured to send the second request to the file server and not to send the cryptographic information with the second file handle to the file server; and

the proxy further configured to receive a further reply from the file server, and the proxy to send the further reply to the client.

59. The apparatus as in claim 58, whereby using the cryptographic information in the file handle eliminates a need for the proxy to generate additional requests to the file server to establish file identity further comprising:

the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second request, the second file request to include the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second request;

the proxy further configured to identify, in response to the cryptographic information, the client as having a permission to submit the second file request;

the proxy further configured to send the second request to the file server and not to send the cryptographic information with the second file handle to the file server; and

the proxy further configured to receive a further reply from the file server, and the proxy to send the further reply to the client.

60. The apparatus of claim 58, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein
~~the proxy further configured to use the metadata in the file handle is a Network~~
~~File System (NFS) file handle received from the client to eliminate a need for additional~~
~~communication with the file server to establish file identity.~~

65. A method for establishing identity in a file system, comprising:
receiving a file request concerning an indicated file from a client, the request
received by a proxy;
forwarding the request from the proxy to a file server;
returning a reply associated with the file request from the file server to the proxy,
wherein the reply includes a file handle associated with the indicated file;
inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle; ~~and~~
sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle
to the client, a size of the file handle set to a sum of a length of the server file handle
and a length of the proxy metadata, the metadata to be used in further requests to
identify the client and the indicated file; ~~and~~
receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file
request comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file
request;
identifying, in response to the metadata, that the client has permission to submit
the second file request;

sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the metadata with the second file handle to the file server; and
receiving by the proxy a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.

66. A method, comprising:

receiving, by a proxy, a file request for a file sent from a client;
forwarding the file request from the proxy to a file server;
returning a reply associated with the file request from the file server to the proxy,
wherein the reply includes a file handle;
inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle;
sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client; and

using, by the client, the metadata inserted into the file handle in a subsequent file request to identify the client and the file receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request;

identifying, in response to the metadata, that the client has permission to submit the second file request;

sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the metadata with the second file handle to the file server; and

receiving by the proxy a second reply from the file server, and sending by the proxy the second reply to the client.

67. A computer apparatus, comprising:

a proxy configured to receive a client file request for a file and forward the file request from the proxy to a file server;

the server configured to return a reply associated with the file request, wherein the reply includes a file handle;

the proxy further configured to intercept the file handle sent from the server and insert metadata into the file handle to create a modified file handle;

the proxy further configured to send the modified file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client; ~~and~~

the proxy further configured to receive the modified file handle from the client for a second file request for the file, wherein the proxy is further configured to use the modified file handle to eliminate a need for the proxy to generate one or more additional requests to the server that would be required to access the file if the modified file handle did not include the inserted metadata;

the proxy further configured to receive, by the client a second file request, the second file request configured to include the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request;

the proxy further configured to identify, in response to the metadata, the client as having permission to submit the second file request;

the proxy further configured to send the second file request to the file server and not to send the metadata with the second file handle to the file server; and
the proxy further configured to receive a second reply from the file server, and
the proxy to send the second reply to the client.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 1 – 5, and 30 – 67 are allowable in light of the applicant's arguments and in light of the prior art made of record.

Reason for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that the following claim language is not taught by the prior art in conjunction with other recited limitations of its claim:

"inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the NFS file handle in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, wherein the metadata is an encryption key; sending, by the proxy in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, the NFS file handle with the metadata inserted in the NFS file handle to the client as a reply to the first NFS operation; using, by the client, the metadata and the NFS file handle in a second NFS operation to identify the client and the indicated file; and receiving, from the client, the second NFS operation by the proxy, the second NFS operation comprising the metadata sent with the second NFS operation" recited in claim 1;

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"inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle; sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client, the metadata to be used in further requests to identify the client as having a permission to access the indicated file; receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request including the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request; identifying, in response to the metadata, that the client has the permission to submit the second file request; sending the second file request to the file server and not sending the metadata with the second file handle to the file server" recited in claim 31;

"the proxy further configured to insert metadata into the NFS file handle in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, wherein the metadata is an encryption key; and the proxy further configured to send the NFS file handle with the metadata inserted in the NFS file handle to the client as a reply to the first NFS operation, the metadata and the NFS file handle to be used in a second NFS operation to identify the client and the indicated file; the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second NFS operation, the second NFS operation comprising the metadata in the second NFS file handle sent with the second NFS operation" recited in claim 32;

"inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle in response to receiving the NFS file handle from the file server, wherein the metadata is an encryption key; and sending, by the proxy in response to receiving the file handle from the file server, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client as a reply to the first operation; receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request"

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recited in claim 38; "inserting, by the proxy, a session key into the file handle; sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the session key inserted in the file handle to the client, the session key to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising information from the session key in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 39; "the proxy to insert a session key into the file handle; the proxy to send the file handle with the session key inserted in the file handle to the client, the session key to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file; the proxy to receive, by the client, a second file request, the second file request to include the session key in a further file handle sent with the second request" recited in claim 45;

"the proxy further configured to insert a session key into a file handle; the proxy further configured to send the file handle with the session key inserted in the file handle to the client, the session key configured to be used in a second file request to identify the client and the indicated file; the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second file request, the second file request configured to include the session key in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 51;

"inserting, by the proxy, a cryptographic information into the file handle sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the cryptographic information inserted in the file handle to the client, the cryptographic information to be used in one or more requests to identify the client and the indicated file; receiving, by the client, a second file request by the proxy,

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the second file request including the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 52;

" the proxy further configured to insert a cryptographic information into the file handle; the proxy further configured to send the file handle with the cryptographic information inserted in the file handle to the client, the cryptographic information configured to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file; the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second request, the second file request to include the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second request" recited in claim 58;

"the proxy further configured to insert a cryptographic information into a file handle; the proxy further configured to send the file handle with the cryptographic information inserted in the file handle to the client, the cryptographic information configured to be used in a second file request to identify the client and the indicated file; the proxy further configured to receive, by the client, a second file request, the second file request configured to include the cryptographic information in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 64;

"inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle; sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client, a size of the file handle set to a sum of a length of the server file handle and a length of the proxy metadata, the metadata to be used in further requests to identify the client and the indicated file; and receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request

comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 65; and

"inserting, by the proxy, metadata into the file handle; sending, by the proxy, the file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client; receiving, from the client, a second file request by the proxy, the second file request comprising the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 66; and "the proxy further configured to intercept the file handle sent from the server and insert metadata into the file handle to create a modified file handle; the proxy further configured to send the modified file handle with the metadata inserted in the file handle to the client; the proxy further configured to receive the modified file handle from the client for a second file request for the file, wherein the proxy is further configured to use the modified file handle to eliminate a need for the proxy to generate one or more additional requests to the server that would be required to access the file if the modified file handle did not include the inserted metadata; the proxy further configured to receive, by the client a second file request, the second file request configured to include the metadata in a second file handle sent with the second file request" recited in claim 67".

Therefore, all pending claims 1 – 5, and 30 – 67 are hereby allowed.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issues fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIOVANNA COLAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2752. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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